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June 11, 1981

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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Wilene Shumway W.K. Enterprises 3080 Spanish Trail Drive Moab, UT 84532

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Notice of Violation RF:

Dear Mr. Shumway:

On May 21, 1981 citizens complained about the muddy discharge from the mining operations of the Firefly Mine. A search of our files does not indicate that a discharge from the W.K. Enterprises operation has been approved by the Utah Water Pollution Committee. Section 26-11-8 of the Utah Water Pollution Control Act specifies that discharge of wastewater must be approved by the committee.

An inspection of the discharge was made by Steven McNeal of this office on May 25, 1981. That inspection and a discussion with one of the citizens indicated an unsatisfactory discharge and an increase in stream turbidity due to the mining operation. Analysis 80-2149 of the discharge collected June 11, 1980 indicated a total suspended solids concentration of 2996 mg/l and 1538 pc/l radium. These values exceed the State TSS effluent standards of 25 mg/l and stream standard of 5 pc/l radium.

Therefore, W.K. Enterprises is requested to immediately cease the discharge of water disturbed by mining operations. You are advised that prior to initiating construction of any wastewater treatment system and before a discharge will be approved, plans for the treatment system must be submitted to this office for review and a construction permit issued.

A Federal NPDES permit must also be obtained prior to discharge of waters disturbed by mining. For your information we are sending a copy of the Utah Water Pollution Control Act the Wastewater Disposal Regulations and a NPDES permit application form. If you have any questions regarding these requirements you may contact Steven McNeal of this office at 533-6146.

Sincerely,

UTAH WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE

Calvin K. Sudweeks Executive Secretary

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Loren Kjeldgaard – BLM, Moab Southeastern District Health Dept.

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